



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

#2-P DECEMBER 20, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR A GRANT TO THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LAND FOR THE
FITNESS ZONE AT MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ()
DISAPPROVE ()**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$16,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Second District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Hawthorne, for a grant to the Trust for Public Land to purchase and install an outdoor fitness course at Memorial Park in the City of Hawthorne.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15303 (e) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for the installation of appurtenant structures.
2. Allocate \$16,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Hawthorne, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for the Fitness Zone at Memorial Park Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$16,000 to the Trust for Public Land for the Fitness Zone at Memorial Park Project; after the City of Hawthorne assigns the right to apply for the funds to the Trust for Public Land; if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$16,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the Fitness Zone at Memorial Park Project.

The City of Hawthorne is an eligible recipient of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition and the City will assign the right to apply for these funds to TPL.

The proposed Fitness Zone at Memorial Park, located at 3943 West El Segundo Blvd. in Hawthorne, consists of the purchase and installation of an outdoor fitness equipment course, including site preparation and concrete curbing. The proposed installation is adjacent to an existing children's play area and close to the City's Senior Center.

The total cost of the proposed project is \$50,000. In addition to the recommended Excess Funds, the City has committed \$9,000 from the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation and the TPL will utilize \$25,000 in private grant funds to complete the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by increasing access to outdoor recreation and fitness in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$16,000, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of Hawthorne has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Hawthorne is the lead agency for the proposed Fitness Zone at Memorial Park Project.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the CEQA according to Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for the installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the Trust for Public Land may proceed on the outdoor fitness courses projects in the Second Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors